

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-13 (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a material for protecting an object from surface damage ~~surfaces~~ comprising the steps of providing a shrinkable film having a pre-determined shrink response when heat is applied thereto and a nonwoven fabric of randomly orientated fibers having raised portions, applying an adhesive to at least one of said film or nonwoven fabric in a predetermined pattern defining first areas bearing said adhesive in said pattern and second areas substantially larger than the first areas extending between the pattern of said first areas bearing said adhesive, and adhering the nonwoven fabric and film together by said adhesive such that the adhesive occurs ~~substantially~~ along limited locations of the raised portions of said nonwoven fabric leaving a majority of the raised portions unbonded to said film.

15. (Original) The method as claimed in Claim 14, wherein said adhesive is a hot melt adhesive and said nonwoven fabric is adhered to said film by pressing the film and nonwoven fabric together with limited pressure.

16. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in Claim 14, wherein said adhesive is applied by a gravure roll by rotating said roll past an adhesive dispensing station extending across the outer circumferential surface of the roll, said adhesive dispensing station applying adhesive to first and second portions of the roll, and then rotating the roll past a doctor blade extending across the outer circumferential surface, said doctor blade removing adhesive from raised portions of the roll while permitting adhesive to remain in lowered portions of the roll, and then rotating said roll to apply the adhesive to one of said film or nonwoven fabric.

17. (Original) The method as claimed in Claim 16, wherein said adhesive is applied to said nonwoven fabric.

18. (Original) The method as claimed in Claim 16, wherein said shrinkable film and said nonwoven fabric are intermittently bonded.

19. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 16, wherein said ~~stretchable~~ film is a shrinkable stretchable film.

20. (Withdrawn) An article of manufacture produced by the method of Claim 14.

21-33 (Cancelled)

34. (Currently Amended) Method of manufacturing a material for protecting surfaces comprising the steps of providing a shrinkable film and a non-woven fabric having raised portions, applying an adhesive on said nonwoven fabric in a predetermined pattern such that the adhesive occurs substantially along the raised portions of said nonwoven fabric at limited locations thereby defining first areas of the non-woven bearing said adhesive in said pattern and a second area substantially larger than the first area extending between the pattern of said first area bearing said adhesive, and adhering the non-woven fabric to said film by said adhesive such that a majority of the raised portions remain unbonded to said film.

35. (Previously Presented) Method as claimed in Claim 34, wherein said adhesive is a pressure responsive adhesive and said non-woven fabric is adhered to said film by pressing the film and non-woven fabric together.

36. (Previously Presented) Method as claimed in Claim 34, wherein said adhesive is applied to the nonwoven by passing the nonwoven over a roll having an outer circumferential surface having raised and lowered portions corresponding respectively to second and first areas of the nonwoven, said adhesive being carried on one of the portions of the outer circumferential surface.

37. (Previously Presented) Method as claimed in Claim 36, wherein said adhesive is applied to said roll by rotating said roll past an adhesive dispensing station extending across the outer circumferential surface of the roll, said adhesive dispensing

station applying adhesive to the raised and lowered portions of the roll, and then rotating the roll past a doctor blade extending across the outer circumferential surface, said doctor blade removing adhesive from the raised portions of the roll while permitting adhesive to remain in the lowered portions of the roll, and then rotating said roll to engage the outer circumferential surface of the roll with the nonwoven.

38. (Withdrawn) Method of protecting the surface of articles during transport and storage comprising the steps of providing a wrapping material having an outer layer of a shrink film having a pre-determined shrink response when heat is applied thereto and a non-woven fabric secured to said film by an adhesive applied in a predetermined pattern to provide a repeating pattern of first areas in which bonds secure the film to the non-woven fabric and second areas in which the non-woven fabric overlays said film but is not bonded thereto, arranging said material around the article to be protected with the non-woven fabric resting against the surface and supporting said film off of said surface, applying heat to the material to shrink said material, permitting the second areas to cover the first areas as the film is shrunk to thereby prevent contact between the surface and the first areas bonding the film to the non-woven, and removing the material from the article when the article is to be used.

39. (Withdrawn) Method as claimed in Claim 38, wherein said method includes the step of causing the non-woven fabric to separate from said film in said second areas while remaining attached to the film in the first areas.

40. (Withdrawn) Method as claimed in Claim 38, wherein said non-woven fabric includes sections deflected over said bonds by engagement with said surface upon shrinking of the film.

41. (Withdrawn) Method as claimed in Claim 38, wherein said non-woven fabric in said second areas cooperates with said film to define a void there between after shrinking of the film.

42. (Withdrawn) Method as claimed in Claim 38, wherein said non-woven fabric in said second section includes a deflected portion deflected by said surface upon shrinking of the film to cover said first areas to thereby protect the surface from contact with the bonds.